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	Examiner Bob A. Phunkulh	Art Unit 2661	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-11,13 and 15-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-8,11,13 and 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to applicant's 09/30/2005 amendment(s)/response(s) in the application of CHUAH for "RECONFIGURABLE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ACCESS SYSTEM AND METHOD" filed 08/22/2001. The amendments/response to the claims have been entered. Claims 2-4, 9, 12, 14, have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1, 5-8, 10-11, 13, 15-20 are now pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 5-8, 11, 13, 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Oom* (US 6,738,625).

Regarding claims 1 and 11, *Oom* discloses a method of providing access to a wireless communications system in which a plurality of nodes (RNCs and RBSs) in a first set establish wireless links with wireless units located in geographic proximity of the nodes, the method comprising the steps of:

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Receiving information characterizing usage level of nodes of a second set;

Using the information by a node of the first set to determine a first node of the second set with which to connect; and

Connecting the node of the first set with the first node of the second node (automatic radio base station (RBS) rehomomg from a first radio network controller (RNC) to a second RNC when the first RNC becomes overloaded and/or automatic resource sharing between/among RNCs when one RNC becomes overloaded base see col. 2 lines 45 to col. 3 line 27).

Regarding claims 5 and 13, *Oom* discloses using step uses the information characterizing usage levels of the nodes of the second set and information characterizing the node of the first set to determine a node of the second set with which to connect (automatic radio base station (RBS) rehomomg from a first radio network controller (RNC) to a second RNC when the first RNC becomes overloaded and/or automatic resource sharing between/among RNCs when one RNC becomes overloaded, abstract and col. 2 lines 45 to col. 3 line 27).

Regarding claims 6 and 15, *Oom* discloses wherein the sing step uses the information characterizing usage level of the node of the second set and information characterizing a wireless unit for which a connection is being established (If a first RNC is frequently and/or constantly experiencing an overcapacity condition, then an RBS of

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the RNC may be rehomed to a second RNC without operator intervention, see col. 2 lines 45-56).

Regarding claims 7 and 16, *Oom* discloses connecting a node of said first set with a first node of said second set (see figure 2, the RNCs are connected to each other).

Regarding claims 8 and 17, *Oom* discloses connecting the node of said first set with a first node of said second set for establishing a connection with a first wireless unit; and connecting said node of said first set with a second node of said second set for establishing a connection with a second wireless unit (connecting the RNCs each other and in communication with a wireless unit 120, see figure 2).

Regarding claim 18, *Oom* discloses the radio access system further adapted to connect a node of said first set with a first node of said second set for establishing a connection with a first wireless unit and to connect said node of said first set with a second node of said second set for establishing a connection with a second wireless unit (RBS 110 is adapted to connect with another RNC see figure 2).

Regarding claim 19, *Oom* discloses the RNC includes Overload measurement agent (OMA) for measuring the usage levels (see figure 2).

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

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